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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499; NRC-2012-0196]

STP Nuclear Operating Company

South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2

Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment application; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its application dated June 2, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11161A143), as supplemented by letters dated August 1, 2011, March 8, 2012, March 22, 2012, April 3, 2012 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML11221A230, ML12079A038, ML12089A023, and ML12101A223, respectively), and May 3, 2012¹, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-76 and NPF-80 for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County, Texas.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility Fire Protection Program related to the alternate shutdown capability that is documented in the Fire Hazards Analysis Report for STP, Units 1 and 2. The amendments requested approval to perform certain

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operator actions from the main control room (MCR) before evacuating the MCR to achieve and

maintain safe shutdown in the event of a fire in the MCR.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of

Amendment published in the Federal Register on August 23, 2011 (76 FR 52702). However, by

letter dated July 31, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12220A509), the licensee withdrew the

proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated

June 2, 2011, as supplemented by letters dated August 1, 2011, March 8, 2012, March 22,

2012, April 3, 2012, and May 3, 2012, and the licensee's letter dated July 31, 2012, which

withdrew the application for license amendment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of August 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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